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Amendment

LCO No. 4647



Offered by:
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To: House Bill No. 5149

File No. 348

Cal. No. 222

"AN ACT CONCERNING SOBER LIVING HOMES."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2018*) (a) As used in this
4 section:

5 (1) "Sober living home" means an alcohol-free and drug-free
6 residence where (A) unrelated adults who are recovering from a
7 substance use disorder choose to live together in a supportive
8 environment during their recovery, and (B) no formal substance use
9 disorder treatment services are provided; and

10 (2) "Operator" means the lawful owner of a sober living home or a
11 person designated by such lawful owner to have primary
12 responsibility for the daily operation of such sober living home.

13 (b) An operator of a sober living home that is certified as a recovery
14 residence by an affiliate of the National Alliance for Recovery
15 Residences, or a successor organization, or another organization
16 recognized by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction
17 Services as an organization responsible for certifying sober living
18 homes in the state, may report the sober living home's certified status
19 to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. An
20 operator of a sober living home that reports its certified status to the
21 department shall provide the department with the number of beds
22 available in the sober living home at the time of its report and weekly
23 thereafter. The department shall post on its Internet web site a list of
24 the sober living homes that have reported their certified status
25 pursuant to this section and the number of beds available at each such
26 sober living home. The department shall update the list of sober living
27 homes and the bed availability at each sober living home on a weekly
28 basis.

29 (c) On or before August 1, 2018, the commissioner shall create a
30 printable one-page disclosure form for distribution to prospective
31 sober living home residents. Such disclosure form shall (1) be written
32 in plain language and in an easily readable format, (2) state that sober
33 living homes are not licensed or certified to provide substance use
34 disorder treatment services, (3) provide information on sober living
35 homes and resources for individuals recovering from a substance use
36 disorder, and (4) contain a signature line on which a prospective
37 resident may sign the form. Such disclosure form shall be made
38 available to the public on the department's Internet web site. The
39 commissioner shall review and update such disclosure form as
40 necessary.

41 (d) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services may
42 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of
43 the general statutes, to implement the provisions of this section."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	New section